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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: DOL GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of two competitive grants in the Federal Register, July 20, 2001, Volume 66, Number 140. Individuals with disabilities are the focus of both solicitations.

Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA) 01-06 Customized Employment Grants makes available \$3.5 million to award up to seven competitive grants for strategic planning and implementation activities designed to improve the employment and career advancement of people with disabilities through customized employment services. Local Workforce Investment Boards (Local Boards) are eligible to apply. Grants are for a one-year period and may be renewed for a period of up to four years depending upon the availability of funds and the efficacy of the project activities. The application deadline is 4:45 p.m. EST, August 20, 2001.

The <u>SGA 01-08 High School/High Tech Start-up Grants</u> makes available \$400,000 to award eight competitive grants in the amount of \$50,000 each. The purpose of these grants is to fund the start-up of new demonstration High School/High Tech (HS/HT) program sites. These new HS/HT sites must be developed by, or in partnership with, any program that has received Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds to serve youth. The goal of these grants is to begin and to operate a HS/HT site for youth with disabilities. Local Boards as well as not-for-profit organizations, public secondary educational institutions, Job Corps centers, and local government entities are eligible to apply. Grants will be awarded for a one-year period and may be renewed for a second year at \$25,000. **The application deadline is 4:45 p.m. EST, August 20, 2001.**

Questions concerning both solicitations should be sent to Cassandra Willis at the following Internet address: willis-cassandra@dol.gov. If you have any questions about this information bulletin, direct them to Georganne Pintar Baldwin, Local Policy Guidance Unit, (916) 654-7611.

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